



Professions and Occupations

During the 2021 legislative session, the General Assembly considered several measures related to professions and occupations, including bills modifying licensure requirements for architects, establishing a professional licensure program for radon technicians, and changing residency requirements for all state licensing programs.

Licensure Requirements

The General Assembly passed *House Bill 21-1147* that removes the requirement that architects demonstrate retention of their continuing education materials for renewal of their licenses.

Under *House Bill 21-1195*, beginning July 1, 2022, radon measurement and mitigation professionals are required to be licensed by the Division of Professions and Occupations within the Department of Regulatory Agencies (DORA). Applicants must meet certain professional standards and carry liability insurance in order to obtain a license. Operating as an unlicensed professional is a class 2 misdemeanor.

Senate Bill 21-077 eliminates, beginning in September 2021, the requirement that the state Department of Education and DORA verify the lawful presence of applicants for professional licenses, certification, or registration and further clarifies that lawful presence is not required of such applicants.

Sunset Reviews

Every year, the General Assembly conducts sunset reviews for regulatory programs. The Employment First Advisory Partnership was established in 2016 to identify employment and educational opportunities for persons with disabilities. *Senate Bill 21-095* continues this program indefinitely and further requires the Colorado Department of Labor and Employment (CDLE) and the Department of Personnel and Administration to establish a hiring preference pilot program for persons with disabilities that apply to CDLE.